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DIRECTORS (CNAD), 28-30 OCTOBER 1975

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REF: A. AC/259-A/16

B. DRG AC/259-D/472

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS

(CNAD) HELD THEIR 16TH MEETING AT NATO HQS IN BRUSSELS 28-30 OCT 975. MESSAGE PROVIDES SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS, US COMMITMENTS, AND ACTIONS REQUIRED BY WASHINGTON. DECISION SHEETS, STATEMENT OF EURONAD'S, AND ALLIED NATIONAL POSITIONS ON ACQUISITION OF AWACS E3A PROVIDED SEPTEL. MAIN ITEMS OF INTEREST WERE US PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE AWACS E3A, NEW INITIATIVES ON STANDARDIZATION, AND SEVERAL ITEMS OF LESSER SIGNIFICANCE (A COHERENT APPROACH TO LOGISTICS, ELECTRONIC WARFARE, IFF, BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE AND TARGET ACQUISITION, AND STANDARDIZATION OF LIGHT INFANTRY WEAPONS). THE CNAD APPROVED THE TEXT OF A REPORT TO MINISTERS ON THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE AWACS E3A. SIX NATIONS ARE ON RECORD AS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SYSTEM PROCUREMENT AND SIX ARE UNDECIDED. THE CONFERENCE WELCOMED THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT BY THE NAC OF A TEMPORARY AD HOC COMMITTEE ON STANDARDIZATION TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING 1976 MINISTERIALS. SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS ARE REPORTED BY AGENDA ITEM (REF A). END SUMMARY.

I. INTRODUCTION STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN. THE CHAIRMAN (DR. TUCKER) REPORTED ON SEVERAL ITEMS UNDER WAY OR PLANNED BY NATO.

A. THE CONFERENCE CHARGED NADREPS WITH UNDERTAKING A DETAILED MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF CNAD BODIES AND DIRECTED THEM TO PREPARE A PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE CNAD AT ITS MEETING OF SPRING 1976. MISSION COMMENT: USNADREP (COL. LYNCH) WILL COORDINATE WITH ODDR&E (MR. BASIL AND BG SPENCE) ON THIS SUBJECT. END COMMENT.

B. THE CONFERENCE NOTED THE PROPOSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN FOR CREATION OF A TRI-SERVICE GROUP DIRECTLY UNDER THE CNAD TO

ADDRESS INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF MILITARY

COMMUNICATIONS. THIS GROUP WAS TO INCLUDE RELATED AREAS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING (ADP), IDENTIFICATION AND NAVIGATION. THE US NAD (DR. CURRIE) ENDORSED THE FORMATION OF THE GROUP BUT QUESTIONED THE DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING ALL ASPECTS OF ADP IN THE GROUP'S CHARTER. CONSEQUENTLY THE CNAD DIRECTED THE NADREPS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MAIN GROUPS, TO PREPARE A MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL IN THIS REGARD. ACTION REQUESTED: FURTHER GUIDANCE AS WASHINGTON MAY DEEM NECESSARY.

C. THE CONFERENCE NOTED PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATO AIRBORNE ELECTRONIC WARFARE TACTICS FACILITY (NAEWTF), REQUIREMENT FOR IMPROVING MANAGEMENT OF POWER JAMMERS AND RELATED ACTIONS. NEARLY ALL OF THESE PROPOSALS RESULTED FROM AN EW STUDY CONDUCTED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE FOUR POWER (US, UK, FRG AND FRANCE) R&D WE STUDY GROUP. PER PRIOR AGREEMENT, THE UK AND THE FRG MADE THE MAJOR PROPOSALS ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP.

D. ALLIANCE DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY (ADIT). THE CONFERENCE AGREED THAT ADIT EFFORTS ON TACTICAL MISSILES SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO EARLY COMPLETION AND THAT FUTURE ACTION ON BROAD ADIT ISSUES SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NEW STANDARDIZATION INITIATIVES IN ARMAMENTS PROCUREMENT.

E. MULTINATIONAL F-16 AIR COMBAT FACTOR PROGRAM (ACF). THE CNAD WELCOMED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTINATIONAL F-16 ACF PROGRAM AND AGREED UPON SEVERAL RELATED STANDARDIZATION ACTIONS.

II. STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF EURONADS. THE CNAD AGREED TO REVIEW CAREFULLY FORTHCOMING EUROGROUP PROPOSALS TO BE MADE WITH REGARD TO THE "TWO-WAY STREET" EXPECTED AFTER THE EUROGROUP MINISTERIAL MEETING OF 5 NOVEMBER 1975. STATEMENT PROVIDED SEPTEL.

III. NEW INITIATIVES ON STANDARDIZATION OF ARMAMENTS PROCUREMENT. THE CNAD WELCOMED ATTENTION BY MINISTERS AND THE NAC PARTICULARLY TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF STANDARDIZATION IN ARMAMENTS PROCUREMENT. ALTHOUGH THE NETHERLANDS RAISED SOME OBJECTION ON THE BASIS OF THE REAL NEED FOR A NEW GROUP, THE CNAD AGREED TO WELCOME THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT BY THE NAC OF A TEMPORARY AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION FOR SPRING 1976 MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS OF STANDARDIZATION AND ARMAMENTS PROCUREMENTS.

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IV. LOGISTIC AND COHERENT APPROACH. THE CNAD NOTED THE PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN ON WORK UNDERWAY (BY NADREPS) TO DEFINE LOGISTICAL AREAS OF CONCERN TO CNAD AND ON OTHER EFFORTS TO EVOLVE A COHERENT APPROACH BY THE ALLIANCE TO LOGISTICS. THE CNAD ALSO NOTED STATEMENTS BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC) REP ON NATO MILITARY AUTHORITY (NMA) EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE MOST SERIOUS LOGISTICS PROBLEMS AND A SERIES OF STATEMENTS BY THE US REP (MR. CUFFEE). US RECOMMENDATIONS COVERED BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM PRODUCTION LOGISTICS CONSIDERATIONS AND CORRESPONDING CONSUMER LOGISTICS ISSUES.

V. AIR DEFENCE

A. AIR-BORNE EARLY WARNING (AEW)

1 (A) . IN RESTRICTED SESSION (WITHOUT PORTUGAL) THE CNAD RECEIVED A BRIEFING BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP AND THE NATO AEW PROGRAM MANAGER ON PROGRAM STATUS AND ACTIVITIES. THE BRIEFING WAS PRIMARILY TECHNICAL AND CENTERED ON THE BASIC ISSUES OF FORCE SIZE, AIRCRAFT CONFIGURATION, INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION AND LONG-LEAD FUNDING. THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION.

(B). IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS, THE STC REPRESENTATIVE (DR. BURGESS) BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE RESULTS OF THE NORTHERN FLANK STUDY AND STATED THAT STC DID NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO

COMPLETE BOTH THE SOUTHERN FLANK STUDY AND THE AIR REFUELING STUDY BY APRIL 1976. THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT ITALY NEEDS THE SOUTHERN FLANK STUDY BEFORE IT COULD MAKE A DECISION. THE UK OFFERED TO SEND AN ANALYST TO THE STC TO HELP AND THE US OFFERED TO PROVIDE SOME EXISTING REFUELING STUDIES.

(C). CANADA STATED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS ON AEW FROM THE CANADIAN/US REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP WERE ON THE WAY AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE CNAD REPORT TO MINISTERS.

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2. DISCUSSION OF AWACS BEGAN BADLY IN PLENARY SESSION. NATIONS COMPETED FOR THE FLOOR TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE INABILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY PROCUREMENT PROGRAM, OR TO MAKE ANY FURTHER COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME. AS A RESULT, SIX NATIONS ARE ON RECORD AS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SYSTEM PROCUREMENT, AND SIX ARE UNDECIDED. ITALY, WHILE

UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCUREMENT, OFFERED TO PROVIDE 1.5M LIRA FOR THE CONTRACT DEFINITION PHASE. NORWAY, ALSO UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCUREMENT, WILL TRY TO FIND MEANS TO PARTICIPATE
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IN OPERATIONS AND GROUND INTERFACE. SEVERAL NATIONS, LED BY FRANCE, STARTED TO ATTACK AND WATER DOWN THE LANGUAGE OF CNAD'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTERS (AC/259-D/462), BUT A STRONG COUNTER-OFFENSIVE BY THE US REP (CR. CURRIE) AND IMS (GEN. HENON), REVERSED THE TREND AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTERS SURVIVED ESSENTIALLY INTACT.

B. IFF - ADEQUATE IDENTIFICATION CAPABILITIES. THE CONFERENCE ADDRESSED BOTH NEAR TERM AND NEXT GENERATION IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS. THE NAD'S AGREED TO GIVE THE NEAR TERM ISSUES CLOSE PERSONAL ATTENTION. FOR THE NEXT GENERATION IFF, THE CNAD AGREED THAT A SPECIAL TASK GROUP WITH TRI-SERVICE REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE FORMED AND ALSO THAT IF A TRI-SERVICE GROUP WERE FORMED ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT THE IFF SPECIAL TASK GROUP SHOULD BECOME A SUBORDINATE BODY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP.

C. SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES (SAM). THE CNAD AGREED TO POSTPONE ANY MAJOR DECISIONS ON FUTURE MEDIUM SAM SYSTEMS FROM AUTUMN 1976 TO SPRING 1977. ON SHORADS (SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS) THE CAND WELCOMED THE MULTINATIONAL AGREEMENT BY THE FRENCH, FRG AND THE US FOR INSURING COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND US VERSIONS OF THE ROLAND II SYSTEM. THE CONFERENCE ALSO URGED OTHER NATIONS WITH SHORADS REQUIREMENTS TO GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY OF CONSIDERATION TO THOSE SYSTEMS ALREADY ADOPTED BY OTHER ALLIES (READ ROLAND II).

VI. BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE AND TARGET ACQUISITION. THE CNAD AGREED ON THE NEED FOR THOROUGHLY INTEGRATING BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE AND TARGET ACQUISITION SYSTEMS FOR THE LAND FORCES OF NATO. THE CONFERENCE ALSO ENDORSED A STATEMENT BY THE US REP IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE AND COMPLEXITY OF THIS FIELD, THE NEED FOR REAL TIME TARGET ACQUISITION, AND THE NECESSITY FOR CNAD TO BE VERY EXPLICIT IN DEFINING TOPICS AND COURSES OF ACTION FOR CNAD SUBORDINATE GROUPS.

VII. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE FIVE MAIN GROUPS.

A. THE NAFAG WILL CREATE A NEW SUBGROUP ON THE ROLE OF TACTICAL AIR FORCES IN CONTAINING THE WARSAW PACT ARMORED THREAT AND WILL PROVIDE A REPORT FROM THAT GROUP TO THE NAAG FOR INCLUSION
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SION IN THEIR OVERALL REPORT ON ANTI-ARMOR AT THE OCTOBER 1976 CNAD.

B. SECOND GENERATION ANTI-SHIP MISSILES. ITALY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECOND GENERATION ANTI-SHIP MISSILE WITH FRANCE, GERMANY AND THE UK (PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON). NAAG PROJECT GROUP PG/16 WILL MORE FORWARD ON THE BASIS OF THE PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT, SUBMITTED IN RECORD TIME (6 MONTHS) BY NIAG SUB-GROUP 8, NOW DISBANDED.

C. CHAIRMAN OF THE NNAG REQUESTED THE CONFERENCE TO TAKE NOTE OF A SERIES OF PROPOSALS WHICH COVERED SUBJECTS SUCH AS NAVAL ELECTRO-OPTICAL SYSTEMS, COLLECTION OF OPERATIONAL DATA FOR MINE HUNTERS, FUTURE SURFACE-TO-AIR SHIP DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS (SASDWS), AND PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON TORPEDOS PLUS A NATO FRIGATE.

D. TANK MAIN ARMAMENT EVALUATION TRIALS. THE US, THE UK AND THE FRG INFORMED THE CNAD THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR THE NATIONS TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE TRIALS.

E. LONG-TERM SCIENTIFIC STUDY ON MILITARY FUELS. THE CNAD ENDORSED THE DRG REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT (REF B) AND AGREED THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE DRAWN TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NAC FOR TRANSMISSION TO APPROPRIATE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THE CNAD ALSO INVITED THE CHAIRMAN TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON STANDARDIZATION OF FUELS AT THE NEXT CNAD.

F. STANDARDIZATION OF THE NEW RIFLE, LIGHT AND MEDIUM INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS AND THEIR AMMUNITION. THE US RESPONDED TO EARLIER QUERIES FROM NATIONS ON US INTENTIONS REGARDING SMALL ARMS DEVELOPMENTS AND US PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT TRIALS FOR SELECTION OF A NATO STANDARDIZED CALIBER(S) FOR THE NEW RIFLE AND INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS.

VIII. ACTIVITIES OF THE NATO INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY GROUP.

THE CONFERENCE NOTED THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON PROGRESS OF SUB-GROUPS AND ALSO THAT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED TO REVIEW THE CALLAGHAN REPORT WOULD REPORT TO THE NIAG IN DECEMBER.
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IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. THE DANISH NADREP (MR. HAARH) SUGGESTED THAT THE CNAD INVITE AC/135, GROUP OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS ON CODIFICATION, TO REPORT ITS WIDE-RANGING ACTIVITIES IN CODIFICATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF NATO PROJECTS TO THE CNAD AT A FUTURE MEETING. THE CNAD ACCEPTED THIS SUGGESTION.

X. DATES OF THE NEXT THREE MEETINGS. THE CONFERENCE CONFIRMED DATES OF ITS NEXT TWO MEETINGS TO BE 27-29 APRIL 1976 AND 26-28 OCTOBER 1976, AND APPROVED (SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION) THE NEXT MEETING FOR 26-28 APRIL 1977. CNAD THEMES FOR THESE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. APRIL 76 - REVIEW OF ISSUES ON STANDARDIZATION AND ARMA-
MENTS PROCUREMENTS, AWACS, LOGISTICS MATTERS, AND COMMUNICATIONS
INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY ASPECTS.

B. OCT 76 - ANTI-ARMOR ACTIVITIES WITH A MAJOR REPORT FROM
THE NAAG.

C. APRIL 77 - FUTURE SAMS (DEFINITIVE REVIEW).STREATOR

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